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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6818

BILL NUMBER: HB 1696

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Immunizations by Hospitals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a hospital to offer to immunize a patient who is at least 65 years of age against the influenza virus and the pneumococcal disease during specified times. The bill requires a hospital to adopt an immunization policy concerning influenza and pneumococcal disease. It also allows the State Health Commissioner to waive the immunization requirements if there is a shortage of the immunizations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will have no fiscal impact because Medicare covers both the costs of these vaccines and their administration by recognized providers.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Kaiser Health Facts, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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